

OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT ETHICS

AGENCY: Office of Government Ethics

5 CFR Part 2636

**Confidential Reporting of Payments to Charitable
Organizations in Lieu of Honoraria; Deferral of
Effective Date**

56 FR 21589 (Rule)

Friday May 10, 1991

ACTION: Deferral of effective date of interim rule provision.

SUMMARY: The Office of Government Ethics (OGE) is deferring the effective date of its interim rule provision for the executive branch on confidential reporting of payments to charities in lieu of honoraria (56 FR 1727-1728, January 17, 1991). The regulation, 5 CFR 2636.205, will now become effective on October 15, 1991.

DATES: The effective date of 5 CFR 2636.205 is deferred until October 15, 1991.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Office of Government Ethics

published 5 CFR 2636.205, the confidential reporting provision for payments to charitable organizations in lieu of honoraria, as an interim rule in the Federal Register last January 17, 1991 and provided for an effective date of May 15, 1991 (see 56 FR 1721-1730; The remainder of the interim regulation, 5 CFR part 2636, entitled "Limitations on Outside Employment and Prohibition of Honoraria; Confidential Reporting of Payments to Charities in Lieu of Honoraria," was effective January 1, 1991 and continues in effect).

OGE continues to work on a draft confidential standard reporting form to collect the information specified in 5 CFR 2636.205 and the underlying section of the Ethics in Government Act as amended, 5 U.S.C. appendix 102(a)(1)(A). Because the new form will collect information from some members of the public (terminees who file after leaving the Government) as well as current Federal employees, it must be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, 44 U.S.C. chapter 35 (the section 2636.205 regulation itself was approved thereunder by OMB on April 10, 1991). In addition, since the form will be a standard form, OGE will also submit it to the General Services Administration (GSA) for its review and approval in accordance with standard form clearance procedures. In order to allow sufficient time for OGE to prepare the new reporting form, submit it to OMB and GSA for approval, and provide for a public comment period before final issuance of the form, the Office of Government Ethics has determined to defer the effective date of the 5 CFR 2636.205 reporting regulation until October 15, 1991.

Approved: May 6, 1991.

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